



Dear Parents and Guardians

I trust that this finds you coping with the changing landscape and gradual return to normality that we are currently experiencing. I also hope that all is going well with your families at this time of change. It has been great to have most students back with us.

As Phase Three of the relaxing of distancing requirements rolls out for schools next week we are maintaining our safety requirements and expectations with students, staff and visitors in alignment with Departmental guidelines throughout the College. Hand sanitisers, washing of hands, physical distancing and extra cleaning of high touch surfaces continues to be the norm.

Please do ensure you keep your child/ren home if sick. If your child is being tested for COVID-19 as part of our medical system's precautionary testing regime, please notify the College of this on 9581 0600. We will then notify the Department of Education and again when the test results come back negative and/or positive. Thank you in advance for this. If a student presents as sick we will be contacting parents to pick them up as soon as possible which is in-line with Department requirements.

Please also ensure that you notify us if your contact details have changed so we can contact all parents directly if required; this is essential.

School activities

From Monday 8 June, based on Health advice, the following will apply:

- Parents/carers may come on the school site to attend pre-arranged meeting and for drop off and pick up purposes. The total number should not exceed 100 and physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres and good hygiene practices apply.
- Visitors and third-party providers on school sites will be permitted if essential. This will occur ensuring physical distancing requirements of one person per 2 square metres is upheld. Enhanced cleaning of used areas and minimising contact with the broader school population will be the priority. Visitors on school sites should sign in and identify rooms/areas visited with accurate contact information - this is required by the Department of Health.
- Our canteen will continue to provide takeaway service.
- Library access will be available in a managed way ensuring supervisors/staff maintain physical distancing with up to 100 people.
- Contact sport and training is now permitted. Equipment may be shared, however we will ensure regular cleaning of equipment is undertaken and encourage good hygiene practices including handwashing before and after sport.
- Interschool sports can occur with a total not exceeding 100 people for indoor settings and not exceeding 300 people in outdoor settings.

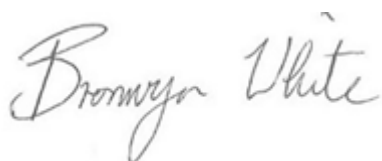
- Camps that are a course requirement can recommence providing 'COVID Safe' guidelines are complied with.
- Work placements will recommence. Our College will conduct work placement risk assessments and ensure employers comply with WA COVID-19 Health guidelines.
- Choir can re-commence ensuring good hygiene practices including handwashing before and after lessons and physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres should apply. Please wait to be notified as to when this will recommence.
- Incursions and Excursions can occur, however, they will be prioritised around meeting learning needs and will align to Department of Health guidelines in relation to numbers, supervisors/staff hygiene and physical distancing requirements. Interaction with the general public will be limited where practicable.
- Assemblies and other school community events may recommence with total not exceeding 100 people for indoor settings and not exceeding 300 people in outdoor settings. Physical distancing and good hygiene practices should be applied. Careful consideration will be given to the arrival and departure of people, including entry and exit points to avoid crowding.
- Examinations are proceeding. Physical distancing and good hygiene practices are being applied.
- P&C, School Board/Council and staff meetings can resume during school hours and after hours for up to 100 people whilst adhering to physical distancing and enhanced cleaning requirements.

We will update you on the Parent evening planned for Term 3 once reports are sent out. Staff continue to work hard to ensure we are doing our very best for all students. Please ensure you contact us with any concerns so we can work together to address these. As per the WA COVID-19 Roadmap, all school activities will be reviewed in preparation for Phase 4.

Again, I remind myself of how fortunate we are to be living here in the West. Many parts of the world are in turmoil and this does place things into perspective. How wonderful is our beautiful country and State and how lucky we are to be here? Whilst we have had and will continue to have our own trials to deal with in these COVID times, they are not as extreme as in some places. This is something for which I am grateful.

Wishing you and your families well and looking forward to continuing the journey together.

Yours sincerely



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